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SUBJECT: TASS BLASTS CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION CONCERNING
ORLOV

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SUMMARY: BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. HARDHITTING, UNSIGNED
TASS ARTICLE IN PRAVDA OF MAY 23, ENTITLED "CONCERNING
A CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION," REPEATS FREQUENT THEME
THAT AMERICAN CONGRESS AND ADMINISTRATION SHOULD TURN
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THEIR ATTENTION TO THEIR OWN COUNTRY RATHER THAN
"INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS" OF OTHER STATES
BY SUCH ACTIONS AS RECENT CONGRESSIONAL CONDEMNATION
OF ORLOV TRIAL. TASS SUGGESTS THAT REAL REASON FOR
THIS "ANTI-SOVIET HYSTERIA" IS THAT THOSE IN USSR
BEING DEFENDED BY U.S. CONGRESS AND ADMINISTRATION
WERE WORKING FOR U.S. INTELLIGENCE SERVICES. END

SUMMARY.

1. THE ARTICLE, WHICH APPEARS ON PRAVDA'S "INTERNATIONAL" PAGE (PAGE 5), MAKES THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES LIES AT THE BASIS OF THE HELSINKI ACCORDS, AND THE ASSERTION BY AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN THAT THEY ARE DEFENDING "HUMAN RIGHTS" IS A HYPOCRITICAL ONE.

-- HARRIS, THE WILMINGTON TEN, POETESS SHAKUR AND "MANY OTHERS" ARE LANGUISHING IN PRISON IN THE U.S. BECAUSE THEY FOUGHT AGAINST RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, BUT NEITHER AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN OR THE ADMINISTRATION IS INTERESTED IN THEIR FATE.

-- INSTEAD, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS ADOPTED A RESOLUTION ON THE ORLOV CASE WHICH CONSTITUTES INTERFERENCE IN SOVIET AFFAIRS AND AN ATTEMPT TO EXERT PRESSURE ON THE JUDICIAL ORGANS OF THE SOVIET UNION, AN ACTION FOR WHICH THEY WOULD BE CALLED TO ACCOUNT IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY, SINCE "A COURT IS NOT SUBJECT TO ANY PERSON, IT IS GUIDED BY LAWS."

-- ORLOV WAS NOT TRIED FOR HIS CONVICTIONS, BUT FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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ANTI-SOVIET ACTIVITY; SUCH ANTI-SOCIAL, SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY IS, IN THE USSR AS IN OTHER STATES, PUNISHABLE UNDER LAW, WHETHER U.S. CONGRESSMEN LIKE IT OR NOT.

-- "THE INVESTIGATION, CONDUCTED IN OUR COUNTRY, SHOWS THAT THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE BEING PROTECTED BY AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN AND ADMINISTRATION REPRESENTATIVES WERE CONNECTED WITH AMERICAN SPECIAL SERVICES AND CARRIED OUT THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THESE SERVICES."

ISN'T THIS THE REAL REASON, TASS ASKS, FOR THE ANTI-SOVIET HYSTERIA WHICH SOME PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO STIMULATE IN THE U.S. UNDER THE GUISE OF DEFENDING "HUMAN RIGHTS." END UNCLASSIFIED.

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2. COMMENT: IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT TASS IS SILENT ABOUT THE REACTION TO THE ORLOV TRIAL IN OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES. IT IS ALSO NOTEWORTHY, INDEED OMINOUS, THAT TASS GOES TO THE EXTREME OF IMPLYING THAT ORLOV AND

GINZBURG AS WELL AS SHCHARANSKIY WERE IN EFFECT AGENTS
OF U.S. INTELLIGENCE. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THIS PARTICULAR
CHARGE WAS NOT MADE AGAINST ORLOV DURING HIS TRIAL.
JUDGING FROM WHAT MRS. GINZBURG TELLS US, SHE DOES NOT
ANTICIPATE SUCH A CHARGE AGAINST HER HUSBAND -- ALTHOUGH
OF COURSE THIS CANNOT BE RULED OUT. IT DOES SEEM CLEAR
THAT THE SOVIETS INTEND TO PRESS ON WITH THEIR
CLAIM THAT SHCHARANSKIY WAS WORKING FOR U.S.
INTELLIGENCE SERVICES. MATLOCK

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